

To: Education Committee

RE: Raised Bill No. 1106,

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY
EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Date: March 7, 2011

Dear Education Committee Members,

My name is Denise Javinett, and I am a home-based child care provider from New Britain. I currently care for 4 toddlers and have been a provider for the last 32 years.

Right now I see a lack of child care for infants where I live. Some of the larger facilities are maxed out, and there aren't enough home-based providers to care for the rest. I believe there's a lack of home-based options because many providers don't want to deal with low rates and untimely payments that the subsidized system offers. It's sad to see these women who want to get out and work but can't simply because they have no childcare options. If we were given an official voice with the state, we could make improvements to reimbursements that would bring more providers into the system. Another improvement that would help is access to affordable health insurance. More providers would mean more choices for parents, and overall quality would go up. Please take a stand for Connecticut's kids by supporting R.B No. 1106.

Sincerely,

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